

Alignment, Likud teams start talks today

Labour leaders see unity government as only alternative

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — National unity government negotiations between the Alignment and the Likud will resume today, with separate meetings at the Knesset of the foreign policy and economic teams established by the two sides. But the key issues of the prime ministership and the distribution of portfolios will only be discussed when Labour leader Shimon Peres and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin meet privately towards the end of the week.

The Alignment has all but ditched its previous "parallel negotiations" policy, whereby it negotiated with the smaller parties at the same time as meeting with the Likud. Party leaders are now convinced that a national unity government is the only feasible alternative, and are devoting all their energies to that end.

Prime minister-designate Shimon Peres said yesterday that the state of the country's economy demanded a national unity government. In a

meeting with a delegation of U.S. congressmen, Peres said that the central aim of a government under his leadership. "The present situation cannot continue long," he said.

However, the question of the premiership — and in particular the proposal that the post be rotated between Peres and Shamir — has led to differences within the Alignment's leadership team. MK Yitzhak Rabin reportedly told an internal meeting yesterday that he was not opposed to rotation, and was answered by the strong opposition of MK Motta Gur, Haim Zadok and others.

The question of rotation has not yet been raised in the Likud-Alignment negotiations, though it was discussed in a meeting between Labour Party and Mapam leaders yesterday morning.

Mapam secretary Victor Shemtov dismissed the proposal, saying that it would be "abortive" and would lead to constant friction.

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Factions clash inside NRP despite unity declarations

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Despite ringing pronouncements by National Religious Party leaders Yosef Burg and Ze'evulun Hammer that they will support only a unity government, and no other government, there are suspicions within their party that Burg at least — and possibly Hammer too — might ultimately support a narrow-based government led by the Likud.

These suspicions are being energetically fanned, in various ways, by certain Likud leaders, who privately aspire to see the unity talks with Labour collapse and a Likud-led narrow-based government eventually emerge.

Inside the NRP, though, various groups and individuals are striving no less energetically to keep their party from falling back into Likud's embrace, an embrace they consider to have been almost fatal to NRP's electoral fortunes.

Hammer made his unity-only declaration in a brief television interview last night. He unveiled a plan for a unity government without any pre-agreed policy-platform, with issues to be decided ad hoc around the cabinet table. The premiership, he said, should rotate between Labour and Likud, with adequate "balance" between it and the other key cabinet offices. His own and other small parties should also have cabinet representation, Hammer said.

He had presented his idea to both Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Alignment leader Shimon Peres, and he believed that once they both realized they could not set up any narrow-based government they would agree to it.

On Monday night Burg disclosed to *The Jerusalem Post* that he had proposed to Peres and Shamir that the NRP, and later Ezer Weizman's

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Egyptian FM: Cairo accepts plan for Taba talks in U.S.

CAIRO (AP). — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid said yesterday that Egypt has agreed to an American proposal to hold talks on the deadlocked Taba border dispute with Israel in Washington.

Abdel-Meguid was holding a question and answer session with Egyptian expatriates attending a conference here. His comments were carried by the Middle East News Agency.

Under a U.S.-mediated agreement signed on April 25, 1982, Egypt and Israel agreed to resolve the dispute over the one-square kilometre beach south of Eilat through conciliation or arbitration.

But Israel has insisted that talks on the final disposition of Taba be held in Cairo and Jerusalem.

"The U.S. side proposed that the

talks be held in Washington and we accepted this," Abdel-Meguid said. He did not give any details about when the proposal was made, nor did he say how Israel views it.

Last week, an opposition weekly newspaper, *Al-Wafd*, wrote an article saying that Egyptian border police at Taba had withdrawn 100 metres and formed a new border line to put a distance between them and nude bathers on the Israeli side.

An Egyptian Foreign Ministry official said on Sunday that the border line remains unchanged, and that only the police positions have been slightly shifted.

"I assure you that we have not withdrawn," Abdel-Meguid said, according to the agency. "I have read *Al-Wafd*'s report and we are investigating the issue."

Weinberger visit awaits new gov't

Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The visit of U.S. Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger to Israel now awaits the establishment of a new government after being put off several times this year. The Pentagon spokesman denied yesterday that Weinberger promised

to visit Israel in October. The spokesman added that Weinberger told Jewish leaders on Thursday that he had planned to be in Israel during the summer, but had waited until the elections.

"The elections have taken place," the spokesman said, "but there is still no government. We hope the visit will take place in the fall, but no date has been fixed yet."

In Jerusalem last night, Defence Ministry spokesman Nahman Shai said Weinberger would be a welcome guest whenever he came.

Rumanian Nazi criminal Trifa leaves U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP). — Valerian Trifa, accused of being a Nazi war criminal, has left the U.S. for Portugal to escape possible deportation to his native Rumania, the American Justice Department said here yesterday. He will not be allowed to return to the U.S.

Trifa's departure ends more than nine years of litigation to strip him of his U.S. citizenship and oust him from the country. Facing the possibility of charges in Rumania for alleged World War II activities there, Trifa had been searching for a country to accept him and was able to secure a visa for Portugal. He made his own arrangements to travel there.

Modan: Black Hebrew health care 'criminal'

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — Health Ministry Director-General Baruch Modan has described health care among the Black Hebrew community as "criminal", charging that their births and deaths are not registered and that their healers practise without licences.

A committee set up last May to investigate health care allegations made by several Black Hebrew defectors submitted its findings to the ministry last week. The defectors



Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad (right) trades comments with Hevrat Ha'Ovdim head Danny Rosolio (left) during yesterday's talks in Jerusalem on economic problems, while Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar listens.

(Dan Landau)

Airport slowdown delays thousands

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Aviation Reporter

BEN GURION AIRPORT. — Some 17,000 passengers were forced to wait for long periods yesterday as baggage handlers staged a go-slow strike in the face of back-to-work orders. Planes took off late and arriving passengers were kept waiting for hours for their luggage to be delivered.

The action, called by the Airport Authority's staff committee, followed tough negotiations over a new wage agreement. The workers' demands included free flights abroad and a car allowance even for those without driving licences. Manage-

ment revealed. Staff committee leaders appeared stunned when they learned that the management had reported their demands, but they did not deny them.

The sanctions began early yesterday when baggage handlers took their time loading the airlines. This caused departure delays of between 30 minutes to an hour, according to the authority's acting director-general, Avraham Antonier.

Workers slowed down even further in the afternoon, despite having received personal letters from the authority warning them that legal action would be taken against them

if they did not return to their normal work routine.

Passengers were seen sitting on conveyor belts and baggage carts, or just milling about. Some said they had been waiting for over two hours. Other passengers, including a number of elderly, went to the Tourism Ministry desk and requested permission to go get their luggage themselves. Towards evening, some passengers went out to the tarmac to find their baggage, but police ordered them back.

The arrivals hall was full by nightfall. A woman stood with a baby in a sling, and when her husband learned of the strike he decided to leave the airport and return today for his luggage. But customs agents warned him against it.

They said they would not stop anyone wishing to leave without his or her luggage, but that those who would want to get back in to collect their bags would have difficulties. Police said they feared a wave of thefts if thousands of suitcases were left.

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Morocco and Libya sign 'union accord'

RABAT (Reuters). — Conservative Morocco and radical Libya have signed an accord proposing to form a union in what appears to be a move to rival an alliance among Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania.

The surprise announcement of a union accord between the kingdom and Libya — the two states are 1,100 kilometres apart — was made in an official statement here yesterday after King Hassan of Morocco and Col. Muammar Gaddafi met in the eastern Moroccan frontier town of Oujda on Monday.

Previous efforts by Gaddafi to find partners in the Arab world have failed. Earlier Libyan unions with Egypt, Syria and Tunisia came to nothing.

The announcement said the prop-

osed union would have to be approved by the Libyan and Moroccan peoples, but gave few other details.

Regional analysts said the pact appears aimed at countering an alliance among the three other members of the Maghreb region — Algeria, Tunisia and Mauritania.

They are linked by a "Treaty of Fraternity and Concord" which Libya has applied to join, so far without success. The treaty amounts to a mutual defence and non-aggression pact.

How and when the union is to be brought into effect is not clear. If the Moroccan parliament has to approve it, that could not take place until after the general elections next month.

'Security' an obstacle to Akaba pipeline

AMMAN (Reuters). — Security guarantees against "Israeli sabotage" are the only stumbling block to going ahead with an oil pipeline from Iraq to Jordan's Red Sea port of Akaba. Iraqi Deputy Premier Taha Yassin Ramadan was quoted as saying yesterday.

In Amman for meetings with Jordanian Prime Minister Ahmed Obaidat, Ramadan told the English-language *Jordan Times* that negotiations are continuing with the American Bechtel Corporation, slated to

build the project, which has so far rejected security conditions for the pipeline.

He said that an American firm would have to build the pipeline, "because the U.S. is the only power that can deter Israel from attacking a project executed by a major U.S. company."

Israel has expressed objections to the pipeline on ecological grounds, saying that an oil spill could destroy the beaches of Eilat.

LAW missiles fired at SLA for first time

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — LAW missiles were fired for the first time yesterday at the South Lebanon Army in a pre-dawn attack on an SLA position near Deir Kanun northeast of Tyre, causing slight damage.

SLA troops searched the area, but the attackers managed to escape by car. The LAW is a light anti-tank weapon.

Also in southern Lebanon yesterday, Defence Minister Moshe Arens met SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad and reassured him that Israel has no plans to leave Lebanon in the

near future. He was referring to a report circulated last week that IDF officers serving in the area had submitted a withdrawal blueprint to the higher echelons.

Afterwards the minister visited an SLA unit, and then met with IDF commanders in the Tyre sector.

Accompanying Arens were Chief of Staff Ruv-Aluf Moshe Levy, GOC Northern Command Aluf Uri Orr, coordinator of Israeli activities in Lebanon Uri Lubrani and commander of the Israeli liaison unit for Lebanon Tat-Aluf Shlomo Iliu.

Orgad, Histadrut leaders meet Unemployment looms after talks deadlock

By ROY ISACOWITZ
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Jerusalem Post Reporters

The spectre of increased unemployment loomed larger yesterday, with Histadrut leaders and Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad all warning of its onset after they failed to agree on measures to stem the economy's deterioration.

The Histadrut delegation came to the meeting in Jerusalem with urgent requests for countering the loss of many jobs expected in the wake of the government's decision to freeze all state contracts. But Cohen-Orgad insisted that the employment problem cannot be tackled in isolation, and the labour organization refuses to discuss a "package deal" on wages, prices and taxes with the current interim government.

Cohen-Orgad, who opened the session, called for an immediate start to package deal negotiations, with the added participation of private employers. "There is no time to wait," he said, adding that unemployment can be expected to rise if immediate steps are not taken.

In his reply, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar stressed that the Histadrut has no intention of widening the discussion beyond the problem of unemployment. He reiterated the Histadrut's stand that it will not negotiate a comprehensive agreement with the present interim government.

Kessar presents a nine-point programme for the prevention and relief of unemployment. The latest unemployment figures are "frightening," he said, especially those reported from development towns.

The Histadrut's plan included stricter control over foreign and non-unionized workers, particularly the "tens of thousands" of West Bank residents who work in Israel, and for increased support for exports — even

within the context of the proposed free trade zone with the U.S. It also contained a proposal for a 5 per cent increase in funds for advanced training.

The Histadrut team, which included Hevrat Ha'Ovdim secretary Danny Rosolio and trade union department chairman Haim Haberfeld was disappointed and angered by Cohen-Orgad's insistence on lowering wages to control inflation.

"I offered to take him on a tour of work places so he could see how much workers are earning — and then let him tell me that wages are the central problem," Haberfeld said last night. "There are lots of other places where he could save money."

Rosolio expressed concern over the contract freeze, which has hurt both workers and Histadrut-owned firms that do business with the government. In response, Cohen-Orgad said that the freeze will be ended once a viable economic programme, including a budget cut, is implemented.

The meeting ended with an agreement to meet again, though no date was set. Histadrut sources said that Cohen-Orgad "did not close the door," but neither did he promise to heed the labour organization's suggestions.

Participants described the talks as tense but cordial. Neither side resorted to threats, they said. But in a Kol Yisrael interview after the meeting, Cohen-Orgad threatened to take unilateral action if the Histadrut persists in its refusal to negotiate a package deal.

In reply to Cohen-Orgad's statement, Haberfeld said the government is quite within its rights to take unilateral measures on a wide range of issues. But the Histadrut will not countenance government attempts to change the public sector work agreement and the recently signed cost-of-living increment accord.

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Beersheba	55	18-28	28
Eilat	55	18-28	28

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Past Rotary president Dr. Moshe Kelman will speak on "Advantages and Disadvantages of Commercial Dental Clinics" at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. today at YMCA.

James Keenan, head of security at the Bahai World Centre, will speak on "Martial Arts" at the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting. Nof Hotel, at 1 p.m. today.

Birth

GOELL. - A son, to Ella and Gideon. Grandson to Mira Guber, and Edy and Yossi Goell; great-grandson to Sarah Goell and Maurice Folland, and brother to Lior.

Veteran actor 'Abba'le' dies in Tel Aviv at 81

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Veteran actor Ya'acov Abba died yesterday. He was 81. Known affectionately as "Abba'le", he was one of the country's first actors. He was a member of the Kumbum and Matate companies.

His funeral will leave at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow from the municipal funeral parlour in Rehov Dafna.

Israeli businessmen in Zaire for talks

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP). - A group of six Israeli businessmen led by Avi Dudai met yesterday with Prime Minister Kengo wa Dondo for talks on Israeli investment in agricultural projects.

Dudai made no comment to reporters at the end of the meeting, saying he preferred carrying out projects to making statements.

The projects are aimed at making Zaire self-sufficient in food supplies. Zairian officials said.

Zaire was the first black African country to restore relations with Israel in 1982 after a rupture that began following the 1973 Arab-Israeli war.

Dudai was a personal aide to former defence minister Ariel Sharon.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Turgeman won't be tried for perjury

State Attorney Yona Blatman and Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir feel that no criminal or disciplinary proceedings should be initiated against Southern District police Commander Avraham Turgeman in connection with a murder confession illegally obtained by two of his subordinates.

Daniel Hanoach, arrested as a suspect in the 1980 murder of his father Pinhas, a Haifa money changer, "confessed" to the crime but had his trial delayed because it was discovered that the admission came only under heavy pressure. Two interrogators in the case, Yisrael Mizrahi

and Yosef Binter, were subsequently tried.

At their trial, Turgeman, then Haifa police commander, testified that Staff Sergeant Major Dweik, who had brought the interrogation methods to light, was connected with criminal elements.

Turgeman said then that he had only learned of Dweik's alleged connections a week before his appearance on the stand, but afterwards, a memorandum known as the "Yakim report" charged that the commander had been lying.

The interrogators were found not guilty of using illegal methods

against Hanoach, and Hanoach himself, eventually brought to trial on the murder charge, was also acquitted, last year.

Blatman, while acknowledging that information on Dweik had apparently reached Turgeman earlier, said that he believed the commander's version of the story, that he had forgotten having seen it. In any case, the state attorney added, there is no evidence to contradict Turgeman's statement.

Therefore, he concluded, there is no point in trying him for possible perjury, and Zamir endorsed Blatman's view. (Itim)

Haifa man dies after being hit by truck

HAIFA. - A Haifa man died at Rambam Hospital late Monday night of injuries he suffered in a road accident early that afternoon, the police spokesman reported yesterday.

Ahmed Adris Ben-Salem, 48, who worked as a porter in the Talpote market in the Hadar quarter, was struck when a run-away truck crashed into a stall by which he was standing.

He apparently thought he had not been severely hurt and asked to be taken to his lodgings in Rehov Kibbutz Galuyot. Once there, friends found he was bleeding heavily and an ambulance was called to take him to the hospital where he was immediately operated on.

The 32-year-old truck driver has been detained in connection with the incident. A police spokesman said

the accident appears to have happened when the driver tried to start his vehicle by rolling down an incline, at which time he lost control of this vehicle.

In Ra'anana, a 54-year-old woman was struck by a car as she crossed Rehov Ahuva yesterday morning. Another vehicle had already stopped for her at the crosswalk when the accident occurred. The woman was taken to Meir Hospital in Kfar Sava where her injuries were listed as moderate.

In Tel Aviv, 34-year-old Omar Abdul Sah, of Rama, was sentenced yesterday to three months in jail and a \$150,000 fine, in addition to having his licence taken away for three years, for driving after his licence had been suspended for three months by the Safad Magistrates Court.

Virshubski raps new post for Shapira

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The nomination of MK Avraham Shapira (Aigudat Yisrael) as acting chairman of the Knesset Finance Committee has aroused controversy, due to Shapira's position as chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bank of Israel.

MK Mordechai Virshubski (Shinui) yesterday asked Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir to consider whether Shapira's holding of both positions represents a conflict of interests. Zamir promised to look into the matter.

Virshubski stressed to the attorney-general that it is imperative that the two bodies be kept entirely separate, particularly since the

Knesset committee reviews the activities of the Bank of Israel.

Senior Alignment sources yesterday described Shapira's nomination as "problematic," and said they hoped that it would only be temporary. The sources said that it was inconceivable that Shapira's position on the Bank of Israel committee would not be taken into account when the permanent chairman of the Knesset committee is appointed.

Shapira's spokesman stressed last night that the appointment to the Knesset committee was only temporary. Shapira, he said, had asked for a legal opinion on the matter, and would act according to the advice he received.

Kach refused entry to Arab communities

SHFARAM (Itim). - The Committee of Arab Local Councils decided yesterday not to let members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement into their towns and villages.

At a meeting at this Lower Galilee town, the prompt action by the police in preventing Kach members from entering Shfaram on Monday, allegedly to clean up the Jewish cemetery in the town, was noted

with satisfaction.

The meeting resolved that legal methods will always be used first. The entry of Kach members would be resisted forcibly only in the event that the police did not prevent them from entering. In that case the Arab citizens will resist with the same degree of force used by the Kach people in trying to enter the community.

Israeli electronic fences good export

Post Defence Reporter
TEL AVIV. - Over 1,000 kilometres of Israeli-made electronic fences have been sold to foreign governments for installation along borders, and around airports, nuclear reactors, parliaments and royal castles, the Israel Aircraft Industries reported yesterday.

A spokesman for the IAI which is part owner of Magal, the company which produces the fences, said one of the most recent deals was with the

organizers of the Olympic games in Los Angeles. Some 10 kilometres of Israeli fences with devices to signal penetrations were installed around the Olympic villages.

The spokesman would not identify the other countries which had bought these warning devices. One is known to be Iran which - under the Shah - bought the fences to protect sensitive targets. The British also bought a system to protect the royal family.

NRP CLASH

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Yahad Party too, join the Labour-Likud unity talks. Burg said the unity government should rest on all four of these parties - the two large ones, and the two pivotal ones.

Others could join at a later stage. Burg and Hammer reiterated that their party would not support a narrow-based government.

"The national need for unity is so great," Hammer said, "that to me it doesn't seem right to join with any party in a narrow government."

Even if the alternative is elections, he replied, it would be the fault of the big party which refused to accept such unifying devices as the rotation of the premiership.

These remarks, although ostensibly urging a unity government, heightened suspicions in some quarters that Hammer might ultimately favour the Likud. He must have known, it was argued in these quarters, that rotation is so unacceptable to Labour - and most especially to Mapam as to be almost a total non-starter for the Alignment, while the Likud, at a pinch, might accept it.

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CORRECTION

We are informed by the Weizmann Institute that Prof. Michael Feldman has been awarded the 1983 Griffler Prize for cancer research, and not as published yesterday.

Orthodox rally for Soviet Jews

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon last night called on the Jewish people to show responsibility towards Jews wherever they lived. Sharon was representing the government at a mass meeting for Soviet Jewry at the Yad Eliahu stadium.

The rally by the National Committee for Saving Soviet Jewry, supported by Agudat Yisrael leader MK Avraham Shapira and a number of leading orthodox rabbis, was organized by Rabbi Raphael Halperin, a former wrestling champion.

Halperin said he believed the Soviet authorities wanted to get rid of the Russian Jews, but could only respond to a non-political, religious appeal. His initiative is opposed by some American religious bodies, including the Habad movement, which say they have managed to carry out religious instruction among Soviet Jews by quiet contacts with the Soviet authorities.

Meanwhile, ally activist Ya'acov Levin, 25, was arrested two days ago in Odessa, the Committee for Soviet Jewry reported. Levin is due to get married this Friday.

In Washington, Walter Mondale, the Democratic party candidate for the U.S. presidency, joined on Monday in an appeal to the Soviets against the conviction for draft evasion of Alexander Yakir, a Soviet Jew who has been seeking to emigrate with his parents and grandmother. AP reported.

Mondale's statement called the treatment of Yakir "cruel and inhumane."

Progress in soldier's murder inquiry

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The investigation into the murder of Rav-Turai Moshe Tamam, whose body was found in Samaria on Friday, moved forward yesterday when police located the Egged driver aboard whose bus he had travelled.

It emerged that Tamam was probably last seen at the Beit Lid junction near Netanya.

Tamam's girlfriend said she accompanied him to the Tiberias bus station on Monday, when he boarded a bus to Tel Aviv. The bus driver said he believed the soldier got off at the Beit Lid junction, but was not certain. Tamam's family lives at Havatzelet Hasharon, a moshav north of Netanya.

The soldier was killed by a single bullet in the chest. His body was found in an olive grove near Mevo Dotan.

Decline in stonings tied to security measures

RAMALLAH (Itim). - The number of stone throwing incidents against Israeli civilians and soldiers travelling in Judea and Samaria is down since security forces initiated new measures against such actions.

High walls have been placed between roadways and such places as schools, where a high number of stone throwing incidents have been recorded. Army patrols have also been stepped up in these areas. The presence of army and Border Police personnel has also been increased in refugee camps and villages situated along major traffic routes. Stiff punishment has also been brought about the drop in incidents.

Fake bombing threat at Reform college

An unidentified person telephoned the Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem yesterday and said a bomb had been planted there. But a police sapper who combed the building for the bomb found nothing.

The college on King David Street is a Reform institution.

The caller added that all other Reform institutions in the capital would also be blown up.

Police sources say there has been an increase recently of telephoned threats to religious organizations in the city. (Itim)

Beersheba deputy prison chief fired

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - The deputy governor of Beersheba prison, Julian Landsman, has been fired, after an inquiry commission found he had erred in granting a prisoner leave. The prisoner escaped while on leave, but was captured a few days later.

Four months ago Landsman permitted Nissim Ravivo, 21, from Ashdod, who was serving a five-year sentence for robbery, to visit relatives in Beersheba. Ravivo was escorted by wardens, but managed to get away from them.

Landsman has been transferred to an administrative post at the Mas-yahu prison.



Our photographer reports that despite this sign near Modi'in, he found graves among the groves... but no garves. (Emmanuel Pratt)

Reagan's joke 'bombs' with both Soviets and Europeans

MOSCOW - Soviet television said yesterday that President Ronald Reagan's recent joke about bombing the Soviet Union showed the low level of his thoughts.

In the first reaction to Reagan's joke, made in microphone tests before a radio broadcast, commentator Genrikh Borovik said on the main evening news:

"It is said that the level of a joke corresponds to the level of a person's thinking. If that is so, then are not both too low for the president of a great country?"

Reagan said last Saturday in the microphone test, inadvertently broadcast to reporters, that he had "signed legislation that would outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In West Germany the opposition Social Democrats' press service called Reagan "an irresponsible old man" and the anti-Nato Greens Party said the "perverse joke... makes the blood of every reasonable person run cold."

Reagan's joke was also widely reported in the Soviet press.

NEW YORK (Reuters). - The New York State attorney-general has charged Sotheby's, the London-based auction house, with fraud in a June 26 auction at which rare Hebrew manuscripts were sold for \$1.45 million.

Attorney-General Robert Abrams charged Sotheby's with selling the manuscripts, held by a Jewish seminary in Berlin before World War II, knowing that the seller could not prove he owned them.

The civil lawsuit, which also charges the unnamed seller with

Sotheby's charged with manuscript fraud

fraud, opens today in the State Supreme Court in Manhattan.

Sotheby's said in a statement that press reports on the case were "based solely on certain litigation papers prepared by the attorney-general which he improperly provided to the press prior to today's hearing."

It said Sotheby's legal papers "will demonstrate that the attorney-general's position is based on a callous disregard for both the law and the facts."

Funds allocated for school-year opening

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Education Ministry has reached an agreement with the Treasury on funds needed for the coming school year, which begins on September 2.

The agreement came after negotiations between Education Ministry Director-General Eliezer Shmueli and Treasury budget department director Aharon Fogel, together with accountant-general Arye Shoval.

Israeli vacationers fill Tiberias to overflow

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. - An estimated 250,000 visitors have completely swamped this lakeside town, camping on the pavements and buying up all the stocks in the local shops.

Police yesterday removed a number of tents which were pitched in town after vacationers apparently failed to find room around Lake Kinneret. Local townspeople claimed that bread and milk were unavailable in the stores after holidaymakers bought up all stocks.

AIRPORT

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Staff committee chairman Shlomo Azulai denied there had been any sanctions. He told the Itim news agency early yesterday that the work load was too great.

"Because of the pressure, employees are eating while working and aren't even going to the dining room," he said.

But later, another worker admitted to Israel Radio that he and his colleagues were working to rule.

This reporter saw workers driving only one wagon at a time to a conveyor belt, with one worker unloading it as others stood around watching. At another point, wagons containing baggage from a South African Airways plane were standing idle. A hefty porter in an undershirt sat on a chair watching them.

It seemed, however, that most of the luggage was left in the aircraft. The crew of an El Al flight from New York unloaded their own bags. El Al workers removed luggage containers from a jumbo, but airport workers who drive the containers to the terminal did not come.

The government is likely to take some action today following consultations, scheduled with Transport Minister Haim Corfu. Acting Airport Authority director-general Antoniev would not say what punishments he had in mind, but violating back-to-work orders entail a possible heavy fine, dismissal and even imprisonment, according to the management.

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Gad Ya'acobi tells 'The Post': Labour, Likud can reach accord on economy by next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Likud and the Alignment can agree on a plan to restore the economy by next week, if both sides show good will, flexibility and a willingness to compromise. This was stated yesterday by MK Gad Ya'acobi, who heads the Alignment's economic team, which is to open national unity negotiations with the Likud team today in the Knesset.

In an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, Ya'acobi conceded that there were important differences over settlement in the West Bank but he suggested that the Likud might back down from its insistence on a full-scale settlement drive "for economic reasons."

Ya'acobi's team consists of MKs Adiel Amora'i and Rafi Edri and Yosef Perlmutter of the United Kibbutz Movement. They will be facing Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Industry Minister

Gideon Patt.

Ya'acobi said it was obvious to everyone that the country is in deep crisis and the two major parties should work out a comprehensive economic plan even before a government is formed.

Money printing continues at a dizzying rate, the balance of payments continues to deteriorate, tax collection is down and inflation might be as high as 800 per cent if subsidies were not artificially holding it down. He noted that the official figure for Israel's foreign currency reserves is \$2.6 billion, which is already below the "red line." In fact, suggested Ya'acobi, the reserves are even lower — about \$2 billion.

Ya'acobi said that it would be easier to talk to the Likud about economic affairs than about other matters. The party realized that its economic policies had failed, Ya'acobi said.

"The only way out now, he stated, is a package deal with the Histadrut, which could best be achieved by the

Alignment in the framework of a national unity government. The parties could resolve together how to stimulate exports, curb imports, slow down inflation and improve the balance of payments.

On another matter, Ya'acobi expressed the opinion that it would soon become necessary to pay wages once a week, instead of once a month as at present. He did not know when this would come about, but said that it was inevitable unless inflation could be slowed down.

He said that the more frequent payments would in themselves be inflationary, but there is no alternative. There is no way the value of a worker's salary could be maintained over a month at the present rate of inflation, he said.

He thought that the new weekly wages would be based on a weekly cost-of-living index, which would be more up-to-date than the present monthly calculation, published two weeks after it is calculated.

Hefetz judges told of police press rules

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter
PETAH TIKVA. — Police Inspector-General Commission Arye Ivztan once reprimanded Southern District Commander Abraham Turge-man, formerly Tel Aviv commander, for giving a press interview without permission. Turge-man told the police disciplinary court yesterday at the continuing trial of commander Assaf Hefetz.

The court will decide on Friday whether to summon Ivztan and police investigators division head commander Yehzekel Carthy; both of whom signed the request to tap Hefetz's telephone, to testify. Hefetz was allegedly recorded speaking to journalists about the Jerusalem police's handling of the Lifa "Temple Mount gang" affair and is being charged with leaking secret information to the press.

Turge-man told the court yesterday of the "Turge-man style," which includes forbidding press interviews of police and putting his guidelines to subordinates above standing police orders.

Turge-man said that he concentrated all information for the press in Tel Aviv in the hands of his spokesman to whom he gave guidelines on the subject, due to the "plague of leaks" in the Tel Aviv district.

Asked by Hefetz's attorney whether the regulations applied to himself as well, Turge-man said that he did not usually give interviews without first obtaining permission. Asked whether he ever gave an unauthorized interview, Turge-man said: "I don't want to tell you."

The attorney, Dan Cohen, asked the court to force the witness to answer, and prosecutor Yehuda

Wilk objected, saying that Turge-man's reply was sufficient. Cohen said he wanted to show that Turge-man himself did not obey the regulations, and his subordinates merely followed his example. The court overruled the objection, and Turge-man said that once, when the inspector-general was abroad, he gave *Mar'iv's* Yair Kotler an interview, for which he was reprimanded by Ivztan when he returned.

Apart from that, he could recall background conversations with reporters which he said are required for good relations with the press.

In another case, when Kotler interviewed a police officer about the robbery at Ha'aretz Museum, he also interviewed a suspect in the case, who had "accidentally dropped in," in violation of rules forbidding interviews with suspects in the midst of an investigation. Turge-man said he had not approved the interview, and reproached the officer, but took no steps against him.

Asked whether he recalled releasing the name of Shimon Barza (who was captured six months after the Lifa gang affair and is allegedly the messianic group's leader) to *Yedioth Aharanot* long before Barza's arrest despite a court order banning publication of details concerning the investigation, Turge-man said: "Perhaps I don't remember."

Cohen said that apart from every policeman's personal file, there are secret files about officers in the inspector-general's bureau containing opinions about their work by superiors. He alleged that Hefetz's file contained letters about him from Turge-man to Ivztan, but Turge-man denied any knowledge of the files and said that he does not send such

written opinions to Ivztan about his officers.

The witness said that he had wanted Hefetz removed from his job as Tel Aviv's central unit commander, since he was not satisfied with Hefetz's professional standards and with discipline in the unit.

Tel Aviv police spokesman Adi Gozen, who took the stand next, said — contrary to Turge-man's testimony — that apart from police standing orders, there are no regulations for spokespeople in the Tel Aviv district.

Cohen then tried to persuade the court that the tape recordings of Hefetz's telephone calls were inadmissible as evidence because they were obtained illegally.

In any case, he noted that recordings of tapped telephone conversations are admissible only in criminal proceedings, while Hefetz's trial is a disciplinary one. In a criminal trial, Cohen explained, the defendant has a right to appeal, the prosecutor is the state and the judges are independent, while in the police disciplinary court, the defendant has no right to appeal and both the prosecutor and the judges belong to the force.

Cohen reminded the court that Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir refused to recommend filing charges against Hefetz and returned the case to the police, leaving it up to them to decide whether to try him in disciplinary court.

The prosecutor argued that there is no difference between regular criminal proceedings and a disciplinary tribunal as far as the tapes' admissibility is concerned. If the court decides to hear testimony on the issue, Ivztan and Carthy will be summoned as witnesses for the defence.



Members of the army's Nahal entertainment troupe sing to the crowd assembled on Monday for Arad's Hebrew Song Festival. (Liora Moriel)

Arad triples in size during Hebrew songfest

By LIORA MORIEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ARAD. — The small town of Arad (pop. 14,000) hosted twice that number of guests from all over the country during the 48-hour second annual Hebrew Song Festival, which ended after midnight last night.

The entire town became a mall, full of singers, dancers and magicians to entertain people of all ages and background.

Thousands of young people came with sleeping bags to spend the night with friends, locals or in the spaces provided for them by the organizers. But although the level of entertainment was generally that of a giant talent show, spirits were consistently high. "It's the closest thing to Woodstock for me," enthused one woman who had been there.

Newcomers from Ethiopia mingled with more veteran immigrants

from all over the world. Many tongues were spoken, but one language united everyone: music. Some people formed circles for folk dancing, even in small outdoor cafes, and other climbed to balconies overlooking the main square, where the largest open-air stage was placed.

"We were able to circulate among the crowd in the early afternoon," said Dalia Peled, a magician who recently published a book on magic, "but by evening it became impossible." So the magicians moved indoors.

The festival was scheduled this year on the Hebrew date of Tu B'Shvat, the traditional festival of love, and all events and wine were supposed to have been free. But in the end, performances by "name" entertainers like Shalom Hanoch cost money, though not very much, and the wine was sold at cost by the

cafes and restaurants around town.

The festival highlight was last night's attempt to revive the traditional Hebrew Song Festival, supplanted seven years ago by the Eurovision song festival preliminaries. Twelve songs commissioned from the country's leading writers were performed by singers in director Nahum Heiman's roster of recording artists. Next year, the festival may be open to others as well.

Many local residents opened their homes to the festival-goers, and some held sing-alongs in their gardens into the wee hours of the morning.

The hundreds of cars and thousands of people who crowded the town did not create chaos, although the police had their hands full. There were several minor car accidents, but no one was seriously hurt.

Private builders to register complaints on contract freeze

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Members of the private building sector's "emergency board" will meet today with Treasury Director-General Nissim Baruch to protest against what they call the government's "arbitrary and unplanned assault on the building trades" resulting from the recent cabinet decision to freeze all new state-financed construction for three months.

The emergency board was set up by the Federation of Contractors and Builders together with a group of semi-public construction firms.

In their meeting with Baruch and later with Housing Ministry Director-General Asher Winer, the builders will set forth the hardships caused by their sector by the freeze, and will demand representation on every government panel established in the future to decide on building cutbacks.

If the economic situation dictates a freeze on construction activity, then it should also be imposed on non-competitive, semi-public builders as well, such as the Jewish National Fund, the private builders demand.

The private building sector annually executes hundreds of millions of shekels' worth of construction work for the government, on a contract basis. The freeze on new projects, a sector spokesman explained, is especially distressing since the workers laid off would be difficult to find when the projects are unfrozen.

Another pressing problem, the builders say, is the idling of large fleets of expensive earthmoving machinery and other equipment. Each day this equipment is not operated costs a contractor huge sums of money in the form of financing charges.

Kiryat Ata spurns aid offer; strike goes on

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The strike by Kiryat Ata's 600 municipal employees goes into its sixth day today despite an offer by the Interior Ministry to give the authorities IS\$0 million towards paying the workers' salaries.

Mayor Ya'acov Ben-Daniel said the ministry's offer was a "drop in the bucket," because the town's debts total IS\$600m.

He hoped the Ministry would reconsider before the "difficult situation in Kiryat Ata becomes impossible."

Ben-Daniel said high-school teachers had warned that each day they do not receive their salaries will mean a delay to the start of the new school year.

The employees should have been paid on August 8.

Meanwhile, the town's garbage collection service, operated by a private contractor, is slowly grinding to a halt. Ben-Daniel said he expected rubbish to begin piling up in the next few days.

The Interior Ministry has blamed local mismanagement for the present state of affairs. Nevertheless, it is investigating the circumstances to see what aid can be given.

The 'tourists' in that 'rented' car might be traffic police

By AARON SITTNER

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Hundreds of unmarked cars with rental agency number plates plying inter-urban roads and an undisclosed number of Air Force helicopters making apparently "routine" flights across the country are among the means set in motion this week to arrest a sudden upsurge in road accidents and fatalities.

In one of the worst seven-day periods on record, 20 persons were killed and 65 injured last week, in 62 road accidents.

This month's rise in road mishaps has reversed a downward trend that began in 1979, with an average drop of 16 per cent a year in accidents and 30 per cent a year in fatalities.

Road Safety Administration director Moshe Amirav yesterday told reporters that a special allocation of IS\$50 million will finance a series of activities to counter the increase in road accidents.

Part of this amount has been assigned to the police, for leasing 300 civilian cars that will be manned by police and volunteers. The cars, appearing to be carrying tourists, will really be mobile detection units out to catch reckless drivers and other traffic violators.

Overhead, IDF helicopters will join in the drive. Altogether, 10 new groups have joined in the special safety campaign, Amirav added.

In the past week, eight more "driver invigilation" stations have been opened — on the outskirts of Haifa, Acre, Afula, Hadera, Netanya, Ra'anana, Beersheba and Sdom. Motorists stopping at the station can get free safety literature, cold drinks and moisturized freshening-up facial tissues to add to their comfort for the remainder of their journey.

Hundreds of thousands of children attending summer camps and day camps are being given road safety courses, and 42 municipalities and local authorities last week began re-painting pedestrian crossings.

On Israel Television, screenings of road safety instructional films will be increased.

Emunah Women day care centre dedicated

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new Emunah day care centre dedicated yesterday in the Gush Etzion town of Efrat was welcomed by the local population of 200 families, most of whom are young couples and new immigrants from the West.

The centre was built by Emunah Women of America, with a large donation from Michael and Sari Berger of Jerusalem, in memory of their son Jossi. The Ner Yosef Yeshiva at Telshie Stone in the Jerusalem hills is also named in his memory.

Emunah was the first women's organization to provide day care facilities for Jewish residents of Judea and Samaria. The ceremony was part of the 36th birthday celebration of Emunah-U.S.

MK wants to visit underground suspects

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — MK Mordechai Virshupski has requested the Prisons Service to allow him to visit Tel Mond and Ramle prisons next week to check reports of special conditions being granted to the Jewish terrorist underground suspects.

The Shitni MK said yesterday that the suspects should be provided with all religious necessities, but other amenities should be provided to all prisoners, or not at all.

Special conditions reportedly enjoyed by the underground suspects legitimize their alleged crimes, Virshupski said. This is particularly so in view of the "absurd" remark by Interior Minister Yosef Burg on television earlier this week that the suspects had not intended to commit any crimes, Virshupski added.

He asked the commission to allow journalists to visit the prisons as well, and called on other Knesset members to join him in his visit.

TA man, 21, released after torturing cats

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A 21-year-old man admitted to police on Monday that he tortured cats by swinging them around his head by their tails, because he wanted to make their tails into key chains.

He was released on bail after promising to stop doing this.

He was arrested on Monday morning in Rehov Yeshayahu after a resident complained to police. The man told police investigators that he had seen cat-tail key chains on sale at the Tel Aviv central bus station and had decided to make his own.

Youth Bible quiz winner takes IDF version, too

Jerusalem Post Reporter

IDF Southern Command Tura'i Pihbas Neriya, 21, won the Israel Defence Force Bible competition finals held Monday night in the Jewish Quarter of the Old City in Jerusalem. Neriya was also the winner of the 1980 International Youth Bible competition.

Second prize went to Tura'i Ronnie Kleinman of the Armoured Corps, and third place was awarded to Rav Samal Rishon Mahluf Naftali of Intelligence.

The competitors were greeted by Deputy Prime Minister David Levy, Chief of Staff Moshe Levy, IDF Chief Rabbi Gad Navon and Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Autopsy shows child was killed by truck

KHAN YUNIS (Itim). — An autopsy has shown that 18-month-old Mohammed Salim, whose parents live here, died after being run over by a truck, and not after falling from the roof of his home as reported earlier this week.

The child's uncle, Abdul Razeq Zagzag, 33, has been detained on suspicion of causing the death, the Gaza District police spokesman said. The boy's father is also in detention as a suspect.

ALLIGATOR EXPORTS. — The success in breeding alligators at Hamat Gader near the Kinneret has been so great that the nature reserve there is considering exporting them. Last summer, some 180 alligators were hatched, and even more are expected this year.

'French connection' heroin suspects remanded

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A French-

woman suspected of smuggling 130 grams of heroin into the country and a suspected local accomplice were ordered held yesterday for 10 days of investigation by the magistrates court here. An Israeli woman was remanded for five days.

Mireille Neoulet, 18, was nabbed on Monday as she stepped off a flight from Paris, and after questioning, she led detectives to a Bat Yam park where David Atiah, 26, of the southern suburb was allegedly awaiting her. The pair was allowed to meet, and then police moved in, arresting

Atiah who was allegedly to have received the heroin from Neoulet, after a brief chase.

According to police representatives, the third suspect, Dalia Molcho, 22, of Jaffa, met Neoulet together with Atiah in France last month and was to have picked her up at the airport and brought her to him. But the two Israeli suspects are said to have quarrelled, and Molcho dropped out of the plot.

Two other men were seen arriving at the Bat Yam rendezvous with Atiah, police said, but they have not yet been arrested.

Boy hurt in Acre as crane drops its load

ACRE (Itim). — Police are weighing

bringing charges against a building contractor and a work foreman after construction material falling from a crane injured a 12-year-old boy who was passing the site on Monday afternoon.

The material dropped 22 metres onto a nearby sidewalk on which a number of passersby were walking

The boy was injured in the face and, according to sources at a local hospital, is out of danger.

A police investigation has determined that the crane had not passed a twice-yearly compulsory inspection; that the crane operator's licence had expired two years ago; and that the worker directing the operator was not certified to do so.

Watchman held in storeroom theft case

A watchman at a construction site in Jerusalem has been detained on suspicion of falsely telling police that two men disguised as policemen stole building materials from storerooms at the spot. Police suspect that the man may be an accomplice to the robbery.

He complained to police that on Saturday night the two men threatened him with weapons while he was guarding the Haknesset Hotel now going up in the Givat Ram neighbourhood.

The police probe revealed that the theft occurred after the watchman had left the site unguarded for a short while. (Itim)

'Conservative' kibbutz to be dedicated soon

AFULA (Itim). — A new kibbutz, consisting of members of the Conservative movement, and including members from Israel and the U.S., is due to be established within two weeks.

Hanaton will be set up near Kfar Manda in Lower Galilee. Members of the Israel settlement group are still serving in the army; while the American group is rather older and includes families with children.

The settlement will have olive trees and raise poultry and sheep in its first phase of development. It plans to establish a study centre for the Conservative Judaism movement.

New Israeli drug to be tested in U.S.

Clinical trials of a new Israeli-

produced drug, which prevents calcium loss from the bones of the aged, will begin in U.S. hospitals in the near future. The trials are necessary to obtain a licence to sell the drug in the U.S., a spokesman of the Teva Pharmaceutical Co. in Israel said.

The drug, based on Vitamin D complexes, is said to prevent osteoporosis, a disease affecting most elderly people and which is responsible for fractured bones, particularly the hip. This sort of fracture is seen by the medical profession as

the most serious accident to befall the elderly since the loss of mobility in the aged is often followed by senility and death.

Teva has been developing the drug, as yet unnamed, for several years and has invested some \$5 million in the project, some of it from foreign investors.

The drug, when licensed, is expected to have sales in the range of \$50 million a year. Once the U.S. licenses it, its acceptance in most of the world, including Israel, is almost automatic.

Simone Veil to attend Liberal meeting in TA

TEL AVIV. — Simone Veil, a former

President of the European Parliament, has confirmed that she will attend the congress of Liberal International in Tel Aviv from September 12 through 16; the local organizers announced yesterday.

Yavne, Gadera cautioned about electricity debts

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Israel Electric Corporation intends to disconnect power supplies to the Yavne and Gadera local authorities today unless they pay outstanding debts, the corporation spokesman said yesterday.

He said the authorities had failed to pay bills for June and July despite warnings. Yavne owes IS\$2.2 million and Gadera IS\$1.6 million.

The corporation intends initially to disconnect power supplies to the municipal buildings, the spokesman said.

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GIVE SOLDIERS LIFTS

Threat of more mines in Red Sea

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt warned yesterday against a recurrence of mine-laying in the Red Sea and Suez Gulf following a reported threat by a pro-Iranian Moslem extremist group that it will plant explosives again in the key maritime route.

The warning, sounded by Defence Minister Field Marshal Abdel-Halim Abu-Ghazala, came as six French and British mine-hunters and two support vessels arrived at the northern end of the Suez Canal and prepared to join a south-bound convoy last night, heading for the Suez Gulf.

Harbour officials in Port Said, at the canal's northern tip, confirming the vessels' arrival, said they would complete the canal transit at Suez City in the south today and then sail into the gulf for an Egyptian naval base.

The French ships are the mine-hunters Dompierre and Cantho and the support vessel Isard. From Britain came the mine-hunters Gavin-ton, Kirkliston, Brinton and Bostington and the support ship Oil Endeavour.

They are part of a multinational effort also involving the U.S. and Italy with Egypt to clean the Red Sea and Suez Gulf of explosives that have damaged at least 16 ships since July 9.

Abu-Ghazala spoke to local military reporters and his remarks were carried by the state-run Middle East News Agency.

He said the international minesweeping operation and other security measures taken by Egypt "are designed to confirm that the seabed of our territorial waters is clear of any depth mines and at the same time deter any future explosions. We do not want any further deterioration and we do not want those who succeeded in planting these mines to persist in doing so."

The bureau of the French News Agency in Beirut said that an anonymous caller claiming to represent the Islamic Jihad Organization had phoned it on Monday threatening more mining of the Red Sea.

Jihad (Holy War) is known to be a pro-Iranian fundamentalist group

which claimed responsibility for suicide truck-bombings of the U.S. Embassy, U.S. Marines and French paratroopers in Beirut last year.

Monday's caller, speaking in Arabic, said: "To those who doubt our capability of mining the Red Sea, the organization will prove once more in the very near future that it is the strongest and it will remain so."

There was no way of verifying the authenticity of the call, but Abu-Ghazala's remarks appeared to indicate Egypt was taking it seriously.

Jihad claimed in phone calls to news offices in London earlier this month that it had planted nearly 200 mines in the Red Sea and Suez Gulf.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said he suspected Libya and Iran of the mine-laying. The two countries denied involvement and charged the U.S. was the culprit.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Cairo said the U.S. amphibious ship Shreveport, with four Sea Stallion minesweeping helicopters aboard, is due at Port Said from the Mediterranean this afternoon.

South Africa detains son of jailed guerrilla leader

JOHANNESBURG. — The son and two other relatives of jailed South African guerrilla leader Walter Sisulu have been detained under security laws that allow them to be held without trial, police said yesterday.

Mlungisi Sisulu, son of the African National Congress (ANC) guerrilla leader serving a life jail sentence, and his cousins Mandisa and Jongumzi Sisulu were detained last week under the Internal Security Act, a police spokesman said.

No charges have been preferred against them, he added.

The ANC is the most prominent black nationalist movement fighting white rule in South Africa.

In New York, the UN Security Council announced Monday it would meet tomorrow at the request of African states to discuss constitutional changes being considered in South Africa.

The resolution requested the council to consider the "serious im-

plications" of South Africa's "so-called constitutional proposals" which, along with the all-white assembly, would set up legislative bodies for people of mixed black and white origin and people of Asian origin. The black majority would not be represented.

The resolution said the constitutional changes are aimed "at dividing the unity of the oppressed people of South Africa."

In Pretoria, Mozambique and South Africa held high-level security talks Monday almost five months after the ideological rivals signed a non-aggression treaty.

Participants said later they agreed to cooperate in snuffing out an enduring anti-Marxist rebel movement in Mozambique, and they said they would meet again. A key to the March 16 treaty was a pledge by South Africa not to support the Mozambican rebels. (Reuters, AP)

Walesa marks anniversary of strikes that led to union

GDANSK (Reuters). — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa yesterday marked the fourth anniversary of the Baltic port strikes which gave birth to his free trade union by laying a wreath to workers shot dead in 1970.

A small crowd cheered Walesa as he laid the flowers at a monument to the workers outside the Lenin shipyard in Gdansk. Eyewitnesses said uniformed police patrolled the area near the monument in small numbers. There were no disturbances.

The monument, erected in December, 1980, before Solidarity was suppressed under martial law, commemorates workers killed by security forces during protests over food price rises.

It was at the shipyard that a 17-day occupation strike began on August 14, 1980, forcing the Communist authorities to grant Poles the right to free unions.

India shuts Tamil schools for a week

MADRAS (Reuters). — Schools and universities in India's Tamil Nadu state were yesterday closed for one week after students attacked the U.S. Consulate here on Monday.

State Home Secretary T.V. Venkataraman told Reuters the decision was made because press reports of an army drive against Tamil separatists in Sri Lanka and heavy civilian casualties were causing growing anger.

There are 50 million Tamils in the south Indian state who have close cultural and religious links with Tamils in Sri Lanka.

"We fear young minds will get emotionally agitated over the recent killings of Sri Lankan Tamils and it

could lead to untoward incidents," Venkataraman said.

During a protest march through Madras, the state capital, Monday, about 1,000 students stoned the consulate and chanted slogans accusing the U.S. of supporting Colombo in what they said was a campaign to crush the island's Tamils.

A consulate spokesman said the students broke one window.

Riot police were on guard yesterday outside the U.S. and Sri Lankan consulates in the port city as a precaution.

Tension on the issue was high amid calls by political parties for protest marches and a day of mourning today.

Mosley sought to seize power in WW II

LONDON (Reuters). — Britain's pre-war fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley was suspected of planning to seize power by force after the outbreak of World War II, according to government documents released yesterday.

The documents cover events in 1940 when Mosley, founder of the British Union of Fascists, was under surveillance by police and intelligence officers.

A contemporary police report said a speech by Mosley early in the year contained "a strong hint of a march to power by armed force."

In an interview with a senior

police officer, Mosley was said to have described the Gestapo as the finest secret police force the world had ever seen.

He told his interviewer he did not want Nazi Germany to win the war, but that he wanted peace "before England is reduced to a dung heap."

Mosley began his political life in the Labour Party, served as a government minister and was tipped as a future prime minister before turning to fascism in the 1930s. He was interned for three years during the war and died in exile in France in 1980.

Senator probed on wife's business deal

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP). — Antoinette Hatfield said Monday she had received \$55,000, not the previously reported \$40,000, from a Greek businessman whose relationship with her husband, U.S. Senator Mark Hatfield, is now under scrutiny by the FBI and the Senate Ethics Committee.

Mrs. Hatfield, a real estate agent, insisted at a news conference that she had gotten the money for helping Basil Tsakos and his wife find and furnish an apartment in Washington.

Hatfield said he should have dissuaded his wife from doing business with the Greek financier, but maintained that neither he nor his wife had done anything illegal.

"I have made an error in judge-

ment," the Republican senator told reporters, adding that he now believes he was "insensitive" to the appearance of conflict of interest.

The Ethics Committee and the FBI are investigating whether the money paid by Tsakos to Mrs. Hatfield was intended to influence the senator's support for a proposed \$12 billion African pipeline project backed by Tsakos.

SPACE. — The Soviet Union launched an automatic cargo spacecraft yesterday to carry materials to the orbiting Salyut-7 space station, where three Cosmonauts have been working for more than six months.

Tass said.

Policeman held for Olympic bomb hoax

LOS ANGELES (AP). — A police officer hailed as a hero for disarming a bomb abroad an airport bus carrying the luggage of Turkish Olympic athletes was arrested yesterday and accused of planting the device, said Police Chief Daryl Gates.

Officer James Pearson was arrested for possession of an explosive device after an investigation, Gates said.

The announcement came just hours after a telephone call to the Paris bureau of the Associated Press claimed the Armenian Secret Army for the Liberation of Armenia was responsible for planting the bomb.

Earlier, gates said Pearson, 40, a nine-year police veteran, "spotted something that shouldn't have been there."

The bomb was ticking and as Pearson grabbed it, an alarm went off, "indicating the bomb was ready to blow," Gates said.

"He reached up and pulled out what he thought was the right wire," and then raced about 60 metres to carry the bomb away from the bus, Gates said. The bomb squad was then called, and the bomb was neutralized, Gates said at the airport.

He called Pearson, "a real hero."

At the time the airport was crowded with people on their way home from the games.

Unesco hires PR to bolster image

PARIS (AP). — The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization has hired a U.S. public relations firm to improve its image, particularly in the U.S. and other western countries that provide more than half its budget, a Unesco spokesman said Monday.

The Reagan administration announced last December it was withdrawing from the 161-nation organization because of what it called politicized direction of the agency, lack of budgetary restraint and poor management. Britain and the Netherlands are to review their participation at the end of the year.

The spokesman said Unesco director-general Amadou Mahtar M'Bow concluded the agreement last Thursday in New York during a meeting with Joseph Baroudy, head of the Washington-based Wagner and Baroudy consulting firm.

Officials at the Agency's Paris-based secretariat said Canada, Japan and France were among the countries who advocated seeking professional help to tell the Unesco story.

British trawler nets sub in Channel

LONDON (AP). — A fishing trawler netted a submarine in the English Channel yesterday and was dragged backward for over three kilometres before cutting itself free, the Royal Navy said.

Navy spokesman Jim Allaway said the 34-ton British trawler, Joanna C, snared the sub before dawn about 16km. southeast of Berry Head on England's southwest coast.

Skipper John Green radioed the Coast Guard as his fishing boat was brought to a halt and then hauled backwards "at about three knots. Finally, after 3.2km, he cut his nets and the vessel headed back to its home port of Brixham.

A crewman, Leslie Le Page, 30, said: "It was very frightening. It was pitch black and we just didn't know what had happened. We knew we had picked something up, but we didn't know what it was."

Allaway said the identity of the submarine was unknown, but that the navy was investigating.

No one injured in two blasts in Spain

MADRID (Reuters). — Bombs exploded in two Renault showrooms in Madrid and Barcelona yesterday, causing damage but no casualties, police said.

Authorities believe the bombings may be linked to recent attacks by Basque separatists on French businesses, following a crackdown on the Spanish Basque militants living in France.

Sports

Windies win all 5 Tests

LONDON (AP). — The West Indies won the fifth and final Test at the Oval yesterday, beating England by 172 runs to claim the series 5-0.

England, 151 for five overnight, needed 224 more runs to win, but were bowled out for 202.

It was only the fifth time that a side had won all five matches in a series. The West Indies also equalled the 63-year-old world record of eight consecutive Test victories, set by Australia.

When play resumed on the final day, the last five wickets fell for 21 runs after England had resisted stubbornly.

Joel Garner claimed three of the last five wickets to fall while Michael Holding took two in three balls, and with figures of five for 43.

Ian Botham, 32 not out overnight, reached a defiant half-century as he set about attacking the West Indies bowling.

Paul Downton, two not out when play resumed, showed no sign of surrendering his wicket easily and helped to move the score on towards the distant victory total.

In the end, the West Indies were content to let Botham attack and take risks. He raced to his fifty with a four and a three off consecutive deliveries from Malcolm Marshall, but on 54, he was tempted into a hook-shot off Garner, and miscued it to Marshall at long on.

Botham's departure at 181 for six signalled the end of England's resistance.

Five runs later Garner struck again to trap Downton leg before wicket for ten.

Then Holding returned to claim the wickets of Paul Allott and Pat Pocock in the same over.

Pocock, the 37-year-old off-spinner recalled for the last two Tests after being away from Test cricket for eight years, "bagged" a pair in both matches.

West Indies' opener Gordon Greenidge, who scored two double-centuries was voted "player of the series."

West Indies have achieved their recent successes, essentially on the depth and quality of their fast bowling, and the formula of relentless pace was again effectively applied by Clive Lloyd in England.

The 39-year-old West Indian captain is on his last tour here, and confirmed after yesterday's victory that he would bow out of the international scene after the 1984-85 tour of Australia.

Lloyd, who has led his country a world record 69 times in 105 Tests, said: "Three-quarters of my career I've spent as captain. It's a long time to be in charge. It's not that I'm tired of it but the pressure is getting more and more and it's getting to me. It's also my family. I ought to see more of them."

He said: "England should not be too dependent. They have a lot of marvellous players who will be better for their testing time this year. We were beaten 5-1 in Australia in 1975-76 and developed a marvellous side from that experience. David Gower has come through with a lot of dignity and has not made enough like some captains in the past."

West Indies' proud moment was scored at the after-match presentations in front of the pavilion when hundreds of West Indian fans broke through a police cordon to get at their heroes. Several players failed to get their winners' medals, while many of the England team who came out onto the field for the ceremony were pushed, punched and slapped. Most returned to the dressing-rooms.

Fast bowler Jonathan Agnew had his hat, helmet and gloves stolen, when the crowd swarmed onto the field at the end of England's innings, though he later got most of his gear back.

England's captain Gower, who has already been appointed to lead the side on the forthcoming tour of India, said: "It is a question of putting our experience gained this summer into effect in India. If things are organized properly, we will have a chance of playing with the ability to defeat Australia next summer."

Scores: W.I. 390 and 346, England 162 and 202.

Shlomo's good start

TORONTO (AP). — Shlomo Glickstein of Israel easily vanquished Paul McNamee of Australia 6-1, 6-4 in his opening match in the \$450,000 International Canadian Tennis Championships here.

Sweden's Stefan Simonsson, taking advantage of three close calls against 11th-seeded Tim Mayotte near the end of their rain-delayed opening-round match, eked out a 7-6 (8-6), 7-6 (7-2) victory over the American.

Simonsson, ranked 117th on the ATP computer, ended up volleying better than Mayotte, whose serve-and-volley game has earned him the No. 19 standing.

Baseball: Monday

National League
St. Louis 5, Cincinnati 3; Houston 2, Chicago 1; Los Angeles 9, New York 2.

American League
Cleveland 6, New York 5, 11 innings; Baltimore 2, Toronto 1; Chicago 5, Texas 3; Kansas City 6, Boston 1; Minnesota 5, Milwaukee 1.

Dope tests

LOS ANGELES (AP). — Belgium's Prince Alex, Olympic Committee's Medical Commission said five athletes and one musician were found guilty of failing their dope tests during the Los Angeles Olympics. Four unnamed other cases are still under investigation.

Two athletes were deprived of silver medals awarded, de Merode said. They were Thomas Johansson of Sweden, who placed second in the Greco-Roman wrestling heavyweight category, and Merit Valmet of Finland, who placed second in the men's 10,000m race.

Valmet has demanded new tests to establish clarity his case.

Focus

Rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic

Gwynne Dyer looks at the dilemma confronting South Africans on the eve of their 'constitutional revolution.'

AS ALLAN HENDRICKSE would be the first to tell you, it is only easy to take clear moral stands about South Africa if you don't live there. As the leader of the coloured (mixed race) Labour Party and one of the first non-whites ever to be faced with the choice of whether to accept a post in the South African cabinet, he is certainly in a position to know.

Hendrickse is a coloured (mixed race) clergyman who spent two months in jail during the Soweto riots eight years ago. His father, also a clergyman, died soon after the parish where he had preached for 50 years was declared a "white area," and he was evicted together with all his parishioners. Hendrickse's present church contains a tablet dedicated to his father "and all other victims of the Group Areas Act."

Yet he is going to accept, and sit at the same cabinet table with Prime Minister P. W. Botha. Or rather, President Botha, for South Africa is undergoing a constitutional revolution.

On August 22 and 28 the coloured and Indian communities will vote in elections—or at least those not boycotting the elections will vote—for representatives to sit in a new three-chamber parliament in Cape Town that will include all South Africa's races except the blacks.

The three chambers (178 whites, 85 coloureds and 45 Indians) will then select members for an electoral college, and that college will choose an executive president. The president will be Botha, of course—and he will then choose a cabinet from all three racial groups, which is bound to include the Rev. Allan Hendrickse.

This will be Hendrickse's reward for deciding that the coloured Labour Party should participate in the elections, despite the unanimous condemnation by South Africa's black leaders and many in his own community. Yet Hendrickse has al-

ways been a vocal opponent of apartheid, and he knows perfectly well that the new constitution has been rigged to guarantee continued white supremacy.

Superficially, the new parliament's only defect is that it excludes South Africa's 70 per cent black majority. The ratio of seats roughly corresponds to the relative population shares of the whites (4.5 million), the coloureds (2.7 million) and the Indians (850,000). But a voting system of baroque complexity ensures that the crucial choice of president will always be determined by the majority in the white chamber—that is, Botha's own National Party.

BOTHA IS no liberal; just an Afrikaner politician who knows how to count. The reform is designed to

corral the other non-African races of the country into the white enclave, without giving them any real power. It will also almost double the pool of military manpower available to the apartheid regime to eight million.

So why is Hendrickse going along with a reform that even Dr. Frederick van Zyl Slabbert, leader of the Progressive Federal Party, has described as "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic"? His own explanation is that coloureds and Indians can fight better for the extension of political rights to South Africa's 20 million blacks from inside the power structure than from an equal position of powerlessness outside it.

He may not be entirely wrong. Botha's "reforms," however cynic-

al, have split his own Afrikaner community, with the ultra-conservatives breaking away to form new opposition parties. As a result, Botha's National Party now depends heavily on votes from the English-speaking minority of whites, who are just as concerned about preserving their privileges but less ideologically committed to "pure" apartheid.

One small sign of hope that Hendrickse clings to is the fact that Botha has now agreed to consider repealing the law banning multi-racial political parties. This could open the way to collaboration between members of the same party in the three racially segregated chambers of the new parliament, in ways that would subvert the rules designed to guarantee exclusive white control.

It is gradualism of the shabbiest

sort, certainly, but there are black radicals who predict that Botha's next step will be to "co-opt" urban blacks into the political system. Dr. Neville Alexander, who served 10 years on Robben Island, the prison for the government's political foes, for sabotage, recently told the Azanian People's Organization, "What is happening to coloureds and Indians today will be happening to 'permanent urban blacks' tomorrow."

"Botha cannot sell this line to his voters at present, but that is the logic of his position," Alexander added, who naturally rejected it. Giving political rights to the nine-and-a-half million urban blacks whose labour is needed by South African industry would only further emphasize the degradation of the greater number of "surplus" blacks condemned to live in the overcrowded and impoverished "homelands." Hendrickse is aware of all this, but what are his options?

He can cooperate with Botha's reforms, hoping that somehow they can eventually lead (much against Botha's will) to a gradual but genuine extension of political rights to all South Africa's non-whites. Or he can sit tight and wait for the cataclysmic civil war in 10 or 20 years' time—which would probably end in the establishment of a one-party black racist dictatorship. (The victors in bloody civil wars are generally not broad-minded liberals.)

Allan Hendrickse is already being vilified as a "sell-out" and a "collaborationist" by black South Africans, and that may well be the practical position he ends up in. He is taking a long-odds gamble in a situation where all the alternatives are bad. Morally, as well as politically, South Africa is a very complicated place.

The writer is a London-based freelance journalist who specializes in international affairs.

A grim record

Fred Bayles talks to Charles Sweeney about the day, just 40 years ago, when he dropped the Bomb on Nagasaki.

CHARLES SWEENEY has a fervent hope his place in the record book remains forever unchallenged. He is the last man to drop an atomic bomb on fellow human beings.

"I'd like to see none of this used again," says Sweeney, a 64-year-old leather broker. "I've seen what it can do."

The former U.S. Army Air Corps pilot has seen the awful spectacle of brilliantly coloured mushroom clouds racing across the skies. He has toured ground zero—the spot directly under the explosion—and witnessed the results of his work.

On August 6, 1945, Sweeney watched while the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, killing 119,000 people. Thousands of others subsequently died from radiation poisoning and other effects.

Three days later, the 25-year-old captain piloted his B-29 Superfortress—"The Great Artiste"—over the hilly coastal city of Nagasaki and gave the final command to drop the

second atomic bomb on Japan. In 52 seconds, the city had vanished under a nuclear cloud. Some 78,000 people are believed to have died in the blast.

Sweeney says he has no regrets. The planned invasion of Japan—with estimates of a million casualties—was three months away.

Sweeney was a test pilot in Florida in 1944 when he was transferred to the 509th Flight Group, a bomber wing formed to drop the new weapon.

He spent 10 months working with scientists, developing the techniques needed to use the new weapon.

On August 1, Sweeney was on the Pacific island of Tinian when word came that the first atomic mission was set for August 6 over Hiroshima.

Sweeney's mission that day was to pilot a bomber over the target and release three instrument canisters that would measure the effects of the blast.

SWEENEY DROPPED his canisters on a signal from the lead plane, then put his plane into a wrenching turn. He had 52 seconds before the bomb fell to 457 metres and detonated.

"It seemed like more time had passed and I began to wonder if it was going to work. Then we saw the tremendous flash," he says.

The sky turned a bright white-blue and the plane was rocked by rings of hot vapour rushing from the blast. The planes circled back over the target to see the effect of the bomb.

"Off to the right there were a big bunch of crummy-looking black clouds," Sweeney remembers. "Above them was a vertical cloud with every colour in the rainbow—red, blue, yellow and green—seething and billowing up to 7,620 metres. It was very awesome, a fantastic, awesome sight."

Three days later, Sweeney was again over Japan, this time with "Fat Boy"—the nickname for the plutonium bomb—in his plane's bomb bay.

Sweeney's job was to drop the bomb on Kokura, an arsenal city. But haze and smoke from a fire-bombing raid on a nearby city obscured the target. Low on fuel, Sweeney flew to the alternate target, the manufacturing town of Nagasaki.

Sweeney ordered the bomb dropped. There were the same emergen-



Nagasaki's Urugami Cathedral immediately after it was destroyed by the atomic blast 40 years ago this month. (Pana)

cy maneuvers, the same brilliant flash, the shock waves and mushroom cloud. Six days later, the Japanese surrendered.

AND 10 DAYS later, Sweeney was back at Nagasaki, walking the city's ruined streets.

"It was absolutely devastated," he recalls. "Fire trucks were crushed into the cellars of the firehouses. The big Mitsubishi steel works was skeleton steel. It was just a wasteland."

Sweeney still gives talks on his experiences and listens politely to advocates of a nuclear freeze. But he considers the threat of nuclear weapons an important encouragement to a continuing, if shaky, world peace.

"War is an awful thing," he says. "But even if we were to eliminate nuclear weapons and if mankind kept fighting, we'd go back to weapons that are just as terrible but just take longer."

(The Associated Press)

Shock waves in Egypt

By NICHOLAS MOORE/Cairo

ed bids to unseat him since a 1969 coup swept him to power in the impoverished nation of 20 million people.

The strategic importance of the Sudanese crisis lies in the potential threat to neighbouring Egypt, diplomats say. Since pharaonic times, Egypt has been ready to go to war

rather than see a hostile power control the middle reaches of the life-giving Nile.

But the Egyptian army has no wish to become embroiled in quelling an uprising against Nimeiri. Officials say privately that Cairo hopes Nimeiri will adopt a more conciliatory line or that, in the last resort, a

successor, who would probably come from the army, would continue the alliance with Egypt.

Diplomats in the region think Nimeiri's decision to introduce the Sharia derived at least in part from deep personal conviction. But they are puzzled that he should have risked antagonizing Southern Sudan.

Nimeiri came to power in 1969 as a reconciler, ending a bush war between Moslem Arabs of the north and secessionists in the south that claimed a million lives in the 1950s and 1960s.

Before coming to Egypt, Nimeiri made a pilgrimage to Mecca and saw King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, which strictly enforces the Sharia and rebuked Western media for criticizing the Islamic measure in

Sudan. It would not, however, be inconsistent if King Fahd, like Mubarak, had also urged restraint.

Diplomats in Jeddah say that although the Saudi royal family does not hesitate to detain would-be subversives, it prefers where possible to conciliate and to consult. It finds no authority in Islam for repression.

Sudan, Africa's largest country, is among its poorest. Servicing foreign debts of \$8 billion consumes nearly all its hard currency earnings, mainly from cotton, and only U.S. aid saves it from bankruptcy, bankers say.

Pay strikes in Khartoum preceded Nimeiri's declaration of an emergency and the southern rebels have struck at key projects for pumping and exporting crude oil.

(Reuters New Service)



Jaafar Nimeiri

EGYPT, alarmed by a rising tide of unrest in Sudan, has made clear it would like Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri to moderate aspects of his rule and of the Sharia (Islamic) laws he introduced last year.

Cairo is afraid Nimeiri's policies are provoking a tide of ill-will that might be enough not only to sweep him away but also to install a leftist, pro-Libyan regime in Khartoum, according to diplomats in the Egyptian capital.

Any crisis in Sudan is a potential threat to Egypt, the diplomats add.

According to Egyptian sources close to talks this week in Alexandria, between Nimeiri and Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Sudan's leader "reacted favourably" to Mubarak's concerns.

But in comments to reporters,

Nimeiri reiterated previous positions. He said a revolt in Southern Sudan, where there is a pagan and Christian majority, was confined to the south-east. It had been orchestrated by neighbours Libya and Marxist Ethiopia "and behind them is the Soviet Union."

Nimeiri said there was no link between the Sharia, which includes such penalties as public amputation and floggings, and an April 29 declaration of a state of emergency.

Strict security measures were needed to deal with "a few saboteurs who play with the people's needs," he said in an apparent reference to a recent wave of pay strikes among state employees.

NIMEIRI, 54, an ally of both the U.S. and Egypt, has survived repeat-

Soviet spy series scores success

By ANDREW ROSENTHAL/Moscow

the most popular shows on TV. It was two years in the making, filmed in Cuba, and stars some of the Soviet Union's top movie actors.

Officials say it is impossible to estimate the number of people watching the James Bond-style adventure mixed with political lectures about U.S. involvement in pro-

Moscow nations like Nicaragua and

Grenada.

"My grandmother won't leave the living room for the whole hour," said one young Moscow woman. "I sometimes laugh. I mean some of this spy stuff is a bit naive, but I have to admit I love it too."

THE SERIES has been given the prime time slot of 8-9 p.m., just before the 9 o'clock news, and each episode is rebroadcasted the following morning.

But the secret of the show's success may be that it has more than just the standard "U.S. imperialist adventures," evil Western spies and warnings against mixing with foreigners.

The show has a generous helping of adventure and action and also provides a rare glimpse into the world of the KGB.

The programme centres on a fictional African republic named Nagonia, whose fledgling, pro-Moscow military government sends an urgent plea for Soviet help to quell a CIA-backed coup plot.

Two of the heroes—KGB General Konstantin Konstantinov and the KGB agent in Nagonia, Slavin—are dedicated "workers of state security" assigned to capture a Soviet citizen feeding information to CIA operatives in Nagonia.

One of the suspects is an attractive

woman whom Konstantinov intercepts on a Moscow street, ostensibly by chance, in a scene hinting at the KGB's pervasive role.

The action includes a bloody assassination by CIA agents in Nagonia, clandestine agents shadowing U.S. diplomats in Moscow, Nagonian troops training to repulse the plotters, and codes transmitted by "U.S. spy centres in Europe" to a short-wave receiver in Moscow.

KONSTANTINOV is shown hard at work in the Lubyanka KGB complex in Moscow. The producer, Vladimir Fokin, told a newspaper the office was faithfully recreated from that of a real-life KGB agent—complete with a photo of Lenin's secret police boss Felix Dzerzhinsky on the wall.

There are lots of political allusions—including a Soviet freighter headed for Nagonia which is hit by a U.S. mine, forcing the Soviets to send another ship. Earlier this year, the Soviets said a U.S.-planted mine hit one of their freighters in a Nicaraguan port.

Like many Soviet films, this one has clear messages: the United States is plotting against not only the Soviet Union, but also nations friendly to it—and foreigners are not to be trusted.

In one scene, a KGB operative trying to track down the short-wave receiver getting U.S. codes interviews a government employee's wife who tells him her drunken husband sold his radio to buy vodka.

Does he ever meet with Americans? "Oh no," she cries. "We stay away from them, we have been well instructed. They're even scarier than vodka."

(The Associated Press)

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Shares advance on low volume

TEL AVIV. — Prices moved generally higher on the share market yesterday, although volume was only slightly improved from Monday's low. Bonds remain very quiet, perhaps in anticipation of the publication of the July index today. This is expected to be in the same 13-15 per cent area as the last two indices.

The share market seems to be quite positively bent, since the main indices are moving gradually ahead, and the advance/decline ratio yesterday reached over two to one. The bulk of the rises are concentrated in the financial sectors, with the star performer usually the "arrangement" shares. Certainly this was the case yesterday, as the "arrangement" bank index rose by nearly four times the amount of the non-bank index.

Another strong area has been the insurance sector. The shares of Hasmoneh, Phoenix and one or two of the other companies have risen sharply in recent weeks, and this would seem to be the work of one or more of the few remaining investor groups still active in the market.

The industrial sector has been more mixed, but its index has moved ahead under the impact of big gains in some of the larger firms in the group, such as Elbit, Elron, Hadera Paper Mills, Dead Sea Works and Haifa Chemicals. These firms have benefited from the positive business results they have announced, and, in some cases, from the strong New York market where they are also traded.

It should be remembered, however, that the overall result of these gains is very limited, and that the bank index as a whole, and almost all of its component groups, are lagging far behind the pace of either inflation or deflation for the year to date. Only the bank shares covered by the "arrangement" are ahead in real terms.

Announcements:
The Israel Gas Company, a subsidiary of Discount Investments, made an adjusted profit of \$165.8 million in the first half of 1984. This was a sharp fall from the equivalent figure of \$221m. the previous year, although the second half of 1983 produced a loss.

Cleaver Devices announced that its subsidiary, Technological Devices has acquired one third of the shares of Galpez Irrigation Products and sole marketing rights for that company's products, from Agropaz Ltd.

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Arrangement: A Clarification
An alert reader, Sheldon Berger of Kiryat Gat caught me out on a major blunder, which requires a full explanation. "...you wrote that the 'arrangement' contains a get-out clause....First I heard of it," noted Berger. The fact of the matter is as follows:

The arrangement between the banks and the Treasury states that the banks must buy back from the public in October 1988, all the shares covered by the arrangement that the public wishes to sell, and this at the dollar price that they stood at on October 6, 1983, with the addition of 0.75 per cent interest annually.

Actually, the shares will be purchased by companies affiliated to the banks and specially set-up for this purpose, and the government has undertaken to buy these shares from these companies, and thus to take effective control of the banks.

In other words, the banks will pay the public and buy the shares and the government will pay the banks and be landed with the shares.

However, like in all good agreements, there is a but, in fact two of them. One is explicit, and one is unspoken.

The open "but" is the get-out clause which I wrongly mixed into the public's consideration. This is that, since the government does not want to have the shares and the banks at all, it is hoping that the banks will reach a level of profitability that will bring their share price above the guarantee trigger-price. Since this is not likely to be achieved by 1988, according to the experts, the government can — and will, if necessary — give the banks a loan in 1988 to buy the shares.

It will then give them until 1993 to

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improve their profitability further, so that they will be able to return the loan and keep the shares. That is the extra five-year period, and that is the get-out clause.

And what of the public? They supposedly got their money, linked to the dollar etc. in October 1988. But — and this is the unspoken one — no one can conceive of a situation wherein the government will allow so much money to hit the economy in one shot. It will therefore be necessary to prevent this happening.

The most cynical expectation is for an enforced "rollover," into alternative government obligations for a further five to 10 years, with terms that will be decided then. More optimistic analysts speak of a gradual unfreezing of the money over a number of years. But no one knows, and no real thought has been given to the matter. Let's get through 1984 and 85 first, is the general attitude.

It is the disbelief in a "clean" redemption in 1988 which explains the consistent high yield, recently in the 18-20 per cent range in dollar terms, at which the "arrangement" so-called shares are trading.

U.S. retail sales fall
is first since March

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. retail sales declined 0.9 per cent in July, the Commerce Department reported yesterday, further evidence that the economic recovery is slowing.

The decline was the first and largest since a 1.5 per cent drop in March, the department said.

Economists have welcomed recent signs that the economy was slowing to a more desirable growth and easing pressure on high U.S. interest rates.

News of the sales decline pushed the dollar down sharply on exchange markets and credit markets moved up in New York.

The department said retail sales, which had risen 0.5 per cent in June, totalled \$107.8 billion in July. Sales of durable goods, such as automobiles, declined 24 per cent, while non-durables dropped 0.6 per cent.

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Olympic recriminations

THE REACTION in Israel to the national Olympic contingent's failure to win a single medal at the Los Angeles games has been one of acute and irrational disappointment, expressed at times in almost hysterical terms. There have been demands for a commission of inquiry, and calls for making the acquisition by an Israeli of a gold medal by the end of the century a major national objective.

There are even those who say that Israel should not send any sportsmen to the Olympics until it is certain that they will achieve victories.

These extreme attitudes spring from ignorance and betray a complete lack of any sense of proportion. Only 47 of the 142 teams in the Games won any medals. Of these 47, 13 got only a single medal each, five of them bronze. Have other unsuccessful countries also gone overboard in expressions of shock and chagrin?

No commission of inquiry is needed to analyse Israeli shortcomings: almost all our competitors went to Los Angeles knowing that they had little hope of winning medals, or even places in the finals.

World-class sport today demands almost total concentration on the part of the young men and women concerned, combined with the most expert coaching. Mark Spitz, who achieved Olympic immortality by winning seven gold medals at Munich in 1972, calculated that he had swum 26,000 miles over a period of 14 years to train as a top-class swimmer.

Athletics is now even more onerous. Coaches in the U.S.A., West Germany, the U.S.S.R. and East Germany apply concepts of biomechanics, nutrition and education, as well as using the most vigorous training methods. There are national training centres in these countries where promising athletes are coached from their youth at no expense to themselves.

A false impression is created by the success of sportsmen and sportswomen from countries like Morocco, Jamaica and Kenya. These athletes have the natural talent, but most of them get all their training in the U.S. or Europe. They participate in numerous fiercely competitive meets. The days are over when talent alone will bring Olympic victories.

Israel has some excellent facilities and coaches, but these are not nearly adequate to build up world-class competitors. We have to send our best performers to train abroad if we want to produce medalists.

Israelis go into the army at the age of 18, a crucial time in their development. It is true that the IDF allows top-level sportsmen and sportswomen special facilities to train, but these are insignificant compared to the training given in the U.S. and Europe.

It may be argued that, if Israel cannot provide the training needed to produce top-calibre athletes there is no point in sending a contingent to the Olympics. Actually, on a fair analysis, some of our people performed well in their different sports and they all tried to do their best; this alone justifies Israeli participation in the games.

Sport is a vital factor in the health and happiness of the nation. But it is not enough for Israelis to swim aimlessly in a pool or jog on the roads. Standards of excellence must be developed, for unless we produce top-level performers, interest in sport will wane.

The lesson of the Los Angeles Olympics is not to demand some kind of a miracle that will bring us medals, but to introduce ambitious and imaginative programmes to ensure that those potential champions we have are given every opportunity, including training abroad, to develop their natural talents to the full.

A return to principles

By DAVID KRIVINE

LABOUR HAS GONE a long way to compromise with Likud policies in a bid to capture voters at the centre. David Landau is now suggesting ("Crack in the Wall", *The Jerusalem Post*, August 17) that they compromise with the policies of the religious parties as well.

That would be a serious mistake. Shimon Peres is already called "an imitation Begin," all we lack is that he be called "an imitation Avraham Shapira" into the bargain. Labour would be in opposition forever.

The move to the right in Labour is motivated by a belief that the nation has moved to the right. That was certainly the case with those who voted Teiyah, but for every person who voted Teiyah, eight voted Likud - and support for Likud has other causes.

The public are not fanatical. We would do well to recall the universal enthusiasm which greeted the Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat on his visit to Israel. The public are not dumb either: they realize that Likud have made a mess of the economy. They know that the settlements of Gush Emunim create more problems than they solve.

Why do they go on voting for an intransigent man like Yitzhak Shamir all the same? Because half the population are Sephardim, and the Sephardim consider the Likud to be their party.

THEY WERE second-class citizens under Labour; they have achieved parity under Begin. The above statement does not have to be true, what counts is that they think it is true. The party which gave them that sense of equality will get their support, whether its policies are successful or not.

How did the partnership between a particular ethnic group and a particular political faction come about? Its roots lie in the past. The bulk of the Sephardim lived in this country after 1948. They encountered a Labour administration whose leaders were practically all Ashkenazim;

for the simple reason that the population had been almost entirely Ashkenazi up to that time.

The Sephardim saw themselves as a people without a party. Herut, isolated in opposition, was a party without a people. It was natural that the two should coalesce. But this did not happen at once.

The Labour government, it should be said in all fairness, did everything possible for the newcomers. The existing inhabitants were taxed to the hilt. The wage of the director-general in a ministry was lower during the Fifties than the wage of the doorman, if the doorman had a large family.

The *ma'abarot* were replaced by permanent housing. Immigrants from Moslem countries were fed, clothed and schooled as they had never been before. Result: a new, well-nourished, well-educated generation gradually rose to the top jobs. The Sephardim became a power in the land.

The Likud reaped the fruit of this development. Before 1977, the Sephardim had voted Labour because it was the paymaster. But Labour was still "them," not "us." Once the Orientals felt strong enough and confident enough to make their own choice, they repudiated the old party.

They wanted something fresh which they could make their own and with which they could identify. The Likud shrewdly offered themselves as the instrument for replacing Mapai. The match took hold, the deal was done.

LABOUR WILL NOT win back votes by copying Likud policies, any more than it will captivate the religious community by inserting petitions into the Western Wall. These affectations will only convince the public that Labour has nothing to offer. When it comes to hawkish policies, the Likud are better hawks than Labour. If the socialist side is to become theocratic there are plenty of parties who know more about

theocracy than Labour does. Labour's attraction lies in applying its own policies, not the policies of others. If it is true to itself, it will win in the end because those policies are better. But it must be honest: it must tell the plain truth. That requires courage which, under the present leadership, is sadly lacking.

The plain truth is this: Labour plans to impose economic sacrifices on the population. Living standards will fall, the days of easy money are over, people must work to make a living - instead of speculating - and the faction's orators should have the guts to say so. (Didn't Walter Mondale launch his election campaign by announcing that he would increase taxes?)

Second, Labour must acknowledge out loud that it is a secular party. It believes in freedom of thought, freedom of speech, freedom of worship. Anybody wanting to practise the Jewish religion will be provided with all the facilities. Those not wanting to will not be forced to.

JUST AS the Christian countries allow Jews to carry out their rituals, so the Jewish state will allow Conservative, Liberal and Reform congregations to run their spiritual affairs as they see fit.

Thirdly, Labour sticks to the Ailon plan. The rest of the West Bank and Gaza is negotiable; and Mr. Peres should stop pretending otherwise. It is nonsense to promise that none of the settlements in the occupied areas will be dismantled.

As long as there is no peace treaty with Jordan, they will not be dismantled. That can be said because it is true. Nobody is going to empty townships and villages for no reason.

But if by some miracle the Arab powers were to accept the Ailon Plan in one form or another, then of course the settlements outside the specified defence areas will be liquidated. They will not want to stay under Jordanian or Syrian rule, nor will the host countries be so insane as

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to grant them extra-territorial rights. Is the electorate expected to believe differently?

Finally, Labour should fight for electoral reform. Opponents say that under the constituency system minority groups are not represented. That is a meaningless criticism. Israel, with a population of 4 million, has 16 parties represented in the Knesset. The U.S., with all its 230m. inhabitants, makes do with two. Are the minorities not represented in the U.S.? Are they not represented in Britain?

BELIEVING JEWS will find their self-expression in Labour or Likud, just as believing Christians find theirs in the Democrats or Republicans. Fifty years of religious politics has done Judaism an enormous amount of harm.

It has identified the Jewish religion with reactionary nationalistic policies in a manner that distorts the principles of our faith; and it has

made that faith repellent to a majority of the Jewish population, which is unforgivable. Religion should be taken out of politics.

All this Labour ought to say out loud, clearly and fearlessly. Labour will then cease to be a party of Ashkenazim, which it never was, and will become a party of principles - which it used to be.

The Sephardim are not tied to the Likud forever. Many will vote for Labour together with the Ashkenazim if Labour offers a new economic policy, a new foreign policy, a new concept of religious freedom and a new electoral system.

They will vote that way if the leadership is not afraid to say what its ideals are and is ready to stand by them, whether that gets them into power or not. The Labour Party in its present configuration is not worth voting for.

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Neo-Chelmism

By GERALD M. STEINBERG

tried to get useful and accurate information out of El Al, can testify, these Chelmites have ensconced themselves firmly in the bureaucracy of our latter-day Chelm.

Not only do their latest "solutions" for our various financial and political problems set new standards for classical Chelmism, but they have added a new criterion, thus establishing a neo-Chelmitic system of government.

Neo-Chelmism requires not only that those solutions least likely to succeed be chosen, but also that the greatest number of people be inconvenienced in the process. Furthermore, unlike their ancestors, who were proud of their origin and heritage, the modern imitators attempt to deny and hide their inheritance. Being Chelmites, of course, they fail spectacularly at this as well.

LET US TAKE the problem of El Al. The national air carrier, a typical Chelmitic institution, is chronically unable to make money through its normal mode of operation (i.e. by being rude to customers, giving misleading or no information over the phone, overbooking, feather-bedding, etc.). Rather than create a more efficient organization, however, the wise Chelmites at the Ministry of Transport have devised a unique solution.

This "solution" consists of two new rules for the charter flights that allegedly compete with El Al. (In fact, the charters only run during the summer peak season, when everyone knows that it is impossible to get a phone line to El Al, not to speak of getting a seat. But of course, facts were never of major importance in Chelm.) To make life more difficult, charter companies are now being forced to fly separate aircraft for Israeli and foreign passengers. This will leave the charters flying partially-filled planes, and they will go out of business. And, like the citizens waiting for feathers in Chelm, El Al will simply and effortlessly pick up the stranded passengers.

To this "solution," however, a loophole has been added. It seems that the Transport Ministry has been deceived by the Foreign Ministry to solve our Jerusalem problem. If foreign planes, even charters, fly from Jerusalem, they reason, Israeli sovereignty will be more widely recognized. So, charters which begin in Jerusalem are exempted from the new rules requiring the mixing of passengers.

OF COURSE, in the tradition of Chelm, the plan has predictably gone awry. It seems that, instead of generously raising their prices, thus losing money and helping El Al, the

charter operators have found an alternative. Now, at the behest of the local Chelmites, foreign tourists who bring us dollars and exchange them for olive-wood shrines, \$100-a-day hotel rooms, and fefelafel, are being forced to compete in an athletic event before leaving the country. (Locals must merely produce seven different permits, each gained at the cost of at least eight hours' queuing in various offices, in order to visit family abroad or try to strike an export deal.)

To give tourists a feeling of belonging, the Chelmites in the Transport Ministry are forcing them to appear at Ben-Gurion airport before leaving, in order to be bused to Jerusalem and flown back to Tel Aviv. (As a result, neither the El Al problem nor the status of Jerusalem has been solved, but those families who have had an already exhausting trip made even longer by the bureaucrats in Chelm will make sure to spend their next vacation in a civilized country like Spain.)

Thus, to the fundamentals of classical Chelmism, which were rooted simply in incompetence, our neo-Chelmites have added the rule of the greatest inconvenience to the greatest number. They have long been expert in the exercise of this rule, as we all see in banks, government ministries, and other institutions.

THE LATEST twist to neo-Chelmism is the effort to deny any association with this phenomenon. In the case of the charter-flight fiasco, the responsible civil servants have attempted to explain their actions as if they were normal, responsible, and competent.

First, despite all evidence to the contrary, they boldly asserted that "the charter flight regulations will not harm tourism to Israel." (The original Chelmites also claimed that wearing boots would plug the Jerky roof.) Then they claimed that the new rules were really made two years ago, and their enforcement had merely been delayed. Of course, outside of Chelm, nobody publishes such rules and then waits two years to enforce them. Such a government would never be taken seriously.

We are also told that the charter companies are responsible. But they are in business to make money, and cannot be blamed for trying to get round the new-old rules. Even in Chelm, it is the government that carries the responsibility for protecting its citizens. A competent government would have warned the public of the impending changes widely and loudly, in the same full-page ads they are now using to rationalize their policy. The charters would have been prevented from selling tickets which would have required the sort of last-minute bus/plane tours to which passengers are now subjected.

Only in our new Chelm is the government run on the basis of hutzpa.

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POSTSCRIPTS

PS A KENYA government official has urged Masai tribesmen not to dispose of human bodies in the bush to be eaten by wild animals, the traditional means of disposal, the *Kenya Times* reported recently.

The ruling party newspaper said there were also complaints that Masai were not claiming bodies of patients who die in the local hospital at Narok, about 160 kilometres west of Nairobi, because of a taboo against approaching the dead.

According to Masai custom, when someone dies, the nomadic survivors simply depart, leaving the body behind in the bush.

Eliud Ole Kisio, urban council chairman of Narok, a Masai area, told a district development meeting that his civil body would employ more staff to assist in the removal of bodies, which has proved a burden to public health officials.

Many Masai, known for their large cattle herds on both sides of the Kenyan-Tanzanian border, continue to maintain strict tribal customs despite frequent calls by the ruling Kenya African National Union Party of President Daniel Arap Moi to drop their "outdated traditional beliefs."

PS A SEWISH woman who survived the Holocaust because of a Spanish passport has thanked Spain by underwriting the cost of restoring one of the country's most famous masterpieces housed in the Prado Museum.

Hilly Mendelsohn, a painter and film set designer who is now a British subject, provided the \$18,500 necessary to clean and restore Velasquez's 17th-century masterpiece, *The Maids of Honour*. Prado director Alfonso Perez Sanchez said recently at the unveiling of the restored work of art.

Perez Sanchez said the benefactor, whose identity had been kept secret during the two-month process, left the choice of the work to be restored to him.

Reached by telephone at her

home in Geneva, Mrs. Mendelsohn, who was born in Berlin "more than 80 years ago," said she did not want publicity and was only "returning favours."

She also said she had donated a piece of ceramic by Picasso to a Barcelona museum and was in the process of donating German artworks to a museum of Prussian history in Berlin.

PS A LONDON woman with a lifelong ambition to make a parachute jump chickened on her first flight recently, then broke her arm while showing friends how she should have done it.

After a day's training, Jacqui Miranda, 38, took to the skies from an airstrip at Badminton in south-west England. At 2,000 feet, however, she became too nervous to make the jump and climbed back into the aircraft.

The mishap, Miranda said, befell her several hours later when she demonstrated the parachutist's techniques to her friends by jumping off a swing.

PS WRITES a reader in Haifa: "On a trip to England my friend, who has hardly ever visited a synagogue, expressed a wish to do so one Shabbat morning."

The warden wished to honour him by calling him up to the weekly reading of the portion of the Torah. When the beadle came along to ask him how he is called, he responded by giving him his telephone number. E.G.

PS FOUR NEWLY-RELIGIOUS taxi drivers in Beersheba have banded together to form a taxi company that "observes the Sabbath and the religious holidays."

Set up three months ago, the company is still trying to break into the local religious market. Explains one of the company's drivers: "Now most of the companies here don't operate on Sabbath. I guess there are a lot of newly-observant cabbies around here." L.M.

READERS' LETTERS

BUREAUCRATIC DETERRENT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I recently made aliya and each day feels like a new beginning with no end. Tears of joy fill my heart every time I realize I'm living in Jerusalem. My heart is also filled with tears of sorrow every time I contemplate going to a government office.

The bureaucracy that exists is beyond all reasoning. It is ludicrous to waste all those millions of dollars, or shall I say billions of shekels, on this bureaucratic maze. If government offices would use a small pad

on all necessary doors just to tell people waiting for that unidentified person, that he/she will be back in 15 minutes or 30 minutes, or not to bother waiting at all, it would save thousands of production hours of private citizens, waiting in government offices.

If serious attempts are not made to remedy the present situation, the existing mess will only worsen. This will undoubtedly deter many prospective olim from making aliya. PETER KASH

Jerusalem.

AVIATION FUEL

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - I wonder if the election and any consequential change of minister at the Ministry of Energy will lead to some amelioration in the excessive price charged to foreign airlines for aviation fuel at Ben Gurion airport.

I quote from a letter recently received from the sales director of a charter airline flying regularly to Israel. "A corporate market price is widely available to operators of large commercial aircraft uplifting in excess of 1,000 US gallons per single departure. Having a choice of fuel suppliers at many airports puts more pressure on the fuel companies to offer competitive prices to contracted customers. Being able to negotiate prices in this way puts us in a much more competitive position on our European and Mediterranean routes compared to Israel where the fuel price we are offered is 45 per cent higher than our European contracted average. The single monopoly supplier at Tel Aviv is therefore essentially counter-productive."

Israel has many advantages for Israel, in the economic and public relations spheres amongst others. Cheaper aviation fuel would do a great deal to encourage tourism. The Ministry of Tourism has worked very hard on tourism, one of Israel's future major currency earners, but it has no responsibility, control nor it seems influence, over the cost of aviation fuel. This is the responsibility of the Ministry of Energy. My understanding is that complaints have been made over a number of years by the foreign airlines (there is a suspicion that El Al pays a preferred price) and others in the tourist industry, but the Ministry of Energy has remained, as far as I am aware, blissfully unconcerned. Tourism is not their responsibility.

Hopefully, a new minister will take a fresh look at this deplorable state of affairs and we shall see an element of competition introduced. One cannot blame a monopoly supplier of fuel for doing what comes naturally. D. LEWIS, Isrotel Hotel Management Ltd. Tel Aviv.

KAHANE'S VISIT TO EFRAT

To the Editor of *The Jerusalem Post*: Sir, - As residents of the town of Efrat, we feel compelled to correct some of the statements in your report of August 5 on Meir Kahane's appearance here the previous evening. We were present on that Saturday night and can attest to the following:

1) Rabbi Kahane spoke to a peacefully assembled group in the public building that also serves as a synagogue. Use of the synagogue for Kahane's talk had been properly requested by those who had invited him, and the synagogue committee along with the committee for social and community affairs and the town council agreed by a democratic vote to allow the building to be used for this and similar purposes.

2) Rabbi Kahane did not arrive with a "busload of supporters." He came in one car with his mother and two aides. The group he addressed consisted solely of Efrat and other Gush Etzion residents.

3) There was a small number of demonstrators outside the building where Kahane spoke, but certainly not "over 100" as reported in *The Post*. There were close to 200 inside the building listening to Rabbi Kahane speak.

We do not deny that there was much heated discussion in Efrat concerning Rabbi Kahane's visit here. However, as olim from the United States, we are proud that democracy prevailed and Rabbi Kahane was allowed to speak. Kahane's appearance here in no way "angered and embarrassed" us. Dr. and Mrs. ABRAHAM ROSENBERG SARA and JOSEPH BAUMOL Efrat.

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Correction

In an article on this page yesterday by the former deputy speaker of the Knesset, S. Zalman Abramov, "The NRP's Responsibility," a name was inadvertently misplaced.

The offending paragraph should have stated: "Summing up the debate for the government, Mr. Ya'acov S. Shapiro, the minister of justice, pointed out that under the new legislation..." and not as printed.

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